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## **UIC is representing the rail transport sector at the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 11) in Montreal**

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(Paris, 28 November) The International Union of Railways (UIC), the world-wide organisation grouping railways from all 5 continents, is representing the rail transport sector at the United Nations Climate Change Conference that is taking place in Montreal, Canada, from 28 November to 9 December.

It will be the first meeting of the Parties to the Protocol (MOP) since the Kyoto Protocol entered into force in February 2005 and in parallel the Conference of the 189 countries Parties to the UN framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It is the largest intergovernmental climate conference will some 8 000 to 10 000 participants expected representing governments, international organisations and institutions, NGOs, industry and various interest groups.

Under the Kyoto Protocol, which took effect 16 February 2005, more than 30 industrialised countries are bound by concrete and legally binding emission reduction targets during the period 2008-2012.

World-wide transport activities currently cause 25-30 % of the global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and the majority of the transport emissions comes from road transport (80 to 90 %). In this context, UIC is organising together with the Railway Association of Canada (RAC) an official "COP 11 / MOP 1 side event" where RAC will present the 10 year long Canadian railway emission story by looking at the emissions performance to date, the outlook for the future, and the ways reductions are being achieved.

UIC will put focus on how to integrate transport policy and sustainable mobility to the climate change discussions, and promote the energy advantage of railways and internalisation of external costs.

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